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AMENDMENT

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Date: **August 13, 2004**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004, which re-opened prosecution. (A Notice of Appeal was filed in February 18, 2004, and an Appeal Brief was submitted on February 22, 2004.)

Claim 1 is amended to correct an error. The claims are argued for below.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.